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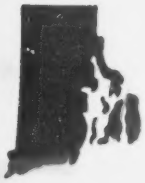

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS TOTAL INCREASES TO 394,400 IN JUNE

Employment in both nonmanufacturing and manufacturing industries rose seasonally in June, moving Rhode Island employment to its highest level of the year. The current employment total, however, was still substantially below that of a year ago, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicate Rhode Island establishment employment totalled 394,400 in mid-June. This represents an increase of 3,400 jobs over the May figure with both nonmanufacturing and manufacturing showing substantial gains. On an annual comparison, however, June employment remained 11,600 jobs below the year ago employment level of 406,000.

NONMANUFACTURING

Nonmanufacturing employment in mid-June increased to 276,700 - up 1,900 jobs over the May level, but 500 below last year's total.

The largest monthly gain of 1,100 was posted by firms in the Trade sector, particularly in the more seasonally sensitive areas, such as Restaurants, Miscellaneous Retail Stores and Gasoline Service Stations. The June Trade employment of 80,800 is 2,300 jobs less than a year ago, however.

Contract Construction, with monthly gains in the General Building, and Special Trades areas, added 600 jobs over a month ago, but was still 500 less than reported in June, 1981.

Transportation and Public Utilities (+400) and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (+200) showed increased employment over the month and rose by 300 and 100 jobs, respectively, compared to last June.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Total Placements	2,204	1,397	2,563
New Applications	4,817	3,787	5,966
New Openings Received	2,945	2,461	3,292

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	June 1982	May 1982	% Change May 1982
Initial Claims	16,844	10,288	+ 63.7
No. of Payments	84,283	80,051	+ 5.3
Amt.of Payments	$8,592,969	8,279,358	+ 3.8
Exhaustions	2,947	1,996	+ 47.6

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	June 1982	May 1982	% Change May 1982
Initial Claims	3,239	2,021	+ 60.3
No. of Payments	19,684	17,081	+ 15.2
Amount of Payments	$2,124,486	$1,794,054	+ 18.4

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981
Civilian Labor Force	479.3	471.6	484.6
Unemployment	44.7	43.6	35.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.3	9.2	7.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	9.4	9.9	7.3

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	465.3	464.6	469.9
Unemployment	45.1	47.6	32.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.7	10.2	7.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	SNA	SNA	SNA

Newport Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	32,905	32,295	32,610
Unemployment	1,810	2,030	1,695
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	6.3	5.2

Westerly Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	May 1982	April 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	14,255	13,845	14,260
Unemployment	985	1,050	960
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	7.6	6.7

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND
May 17-21, 1982

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
Total	21,152	100.0
Men	11,119	52.6
Under 45	7,932	71.3
45 and Over	3,187	28.7
Women	10,033	47.4
Under 45	6,196	61.8
45 and Over	3,837	38.2
Industry Attachment		
Construction	1,356	6.4
Manufacturing	12,745	60.3
Public Utilities	610	2.9
Wholesale and Retail	2,563	12.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	515	2.4
Service	1,695	8.0
All Other	1,668	7.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. & Managerial	2,007	9.5
Clerical & Sales	3,404	16.1
Service	1,478	7.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel.Occ.	109	0.5
Processing	1,017	4.8
Machine Trades	3,593	17.0
Bench Work	4,407	20.8
Structural Work	2,156	10.2
Miscellaneous	2,332	11.0
INA	649	3.1

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment In Thousands			Net Change From	
	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981	May 1982	June 1981
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	394.4	391.0	406.0	+ 3,400	-11,600
MANUFACTURING	117.7	116.2	128.8	+ 1,500	-11,100
NONMANUFACTURING	276.7	274.8	277.2	+ 1,900	- 500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.1	11.5	12.6	+ 600	- 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.8**	13.4	13.5	+ 400	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	80.8	79.7	83.1	+ 1,100	- 2,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.3	21.1	21.2	+ 200	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	91.2	91.6	88.6	- 400	+ 2,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.5	57.5	58.2	0	- 700

1982 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1981 FIGURES ARE REVISED.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	June 1982	May 1982	June 1981	May 1982	June 1981	June 1982	June 1981	June 1982	June 1981	June 1982	June 1981
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.7	116.2	128.8	+1500	-11100	259.62	242.61	39.1	40.1	6.64	6.05
DURABLE GOODS	51.7	50.9	57.1	+ 800	- 5400	290.12	272.28	39.1	40.7	7.42	6.69
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.6	2.5	2.3*	+ 100	+ 300	301.86	215.85	38.7	36.4	7.80	5.93
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.8	0	- 600	252.05	300.54	30.7	41.8	8.21	7.19
PRIMARY METALS	7.0	6.9	7.9*	+ 100	- 900	304.38	310.76	41.3	45.3	7.37	6.86
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.1*	9.8	+ 300	- 400	240.66	230.47	38.2	38.8	6.30	5.94
NONELEC. MACHINERY	7.0*	6.9*	9.2	+ 100	- 2200	340.42	329.80	39.4	41.8	8.64	7.89
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.8	10.6	11.4	+ 200	- 600	242.03	225.59	37.7	38.3	6.42	5.89
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.0	7.9	8.4	+ 100	- 400	363.72	293.76	42.0	40.8	8.66	7.20
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.8	5.3	- 100	- 600	261.82	259.97	38.0	41.2	6.89	6.31
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.0	65.3	71.7	+ 700	- 5700	235.56	218.83	39.0	39.5	6.04	5.54
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	2.9	3.3	+ 200	- 200	242.88	238.61	36.8	38.3	6.60	6.23
TEXTILES	10.9	11.3	12.3*	- 400	- 1400	234.36	230.48	40.9	43.0	5.73	5.36
APPAREL	3.3	3.0	3.7	+ 300	- 400	205.67	207.14	38.3	41.1	5.37	5.04
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.9	- 100	- 500	347.94	245.86	41.6	42.1	5.96	5.84
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.8	5.8	- 100	- 100	324.71	275.21	35.8	36.5	9.07	7.54
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 100	+ 100	315.21	319.09	38.3	39.2	8.23	8.14
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.2	0	+ 200	313.09	261.99	46.8	42.6	6.69	6.15
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 200	268.46	241.54	40.8	40.8	6.58	5.92
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	3.1	0	- 500	186.12	167.42	39.6	38.4	4.70	4.36
JEWELRY SILVERWARE	22.6	22.0	25.1	+ 600	- 2500	204.82	191.12	38.5	38.3	5.32	4.99
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.9	5.8	6.1	+ 100	- 200	231.00	196.91	37.5	36.6	6.16	5.38

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Overall employment in the Service sector stood at 91,200 in June, a decline of 400 from the May level. Within this group, a large decline in Private Education–mostly student workers out for the school vacation period–more than offset gains reported throughout the remaining Service categories, especially in the more seasonal areas such as Hotels, Motels and Amusement and Recreation services. On an annual comparison, the current total is 2,600 above that reported a year ago.

Total Government sector employment remained constant over the month at 57,500, but was down by 700 jobs from last June's reported employment level.

MANUFACTURING

The June survey indicates employment of 117,700 in Rhode Island manufacturing establishments. This was an increase of 1,500 over the previous month, but the current total is still 11,100 below that of June, 1981.

Firms in the Durable Goods sector accounted for 800 of the monthly manufacturing increase, with the largest gains reported in Fabricated Metals (+300) and Electrical Machinery (+200). Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment each added 100 workers over the month, while Stone-Clay-Glass remained unchanged and Instruments declined by 100. Over the year, Durable Goods employment is down 5,400 jobs with the largest decrease observed in Nonelectric Machinery (-2,200) where an ongoing labor dispute is a major factor. Other Durable Goods industries also showed annual losses, including 900 in Primary Metals, 600 each in Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery and Instruments and 400 in both Fabricated Metals and Transportation Equipment. Lumber/Furniture was up 300 from last June.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, employment was up 700 for the month but down 5,700 since last year. Industries reporting monthly gains were Jewelry-Silverware (+600), Apparel (+300), Food-Beverage (+200) and Chemical Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+100 each). Monthly losses were recorded in Textiles (-400) and Paper Products and Printing-Publishing (-100 each), while Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products were unchanged over the month. Compared to a year ago, Jewelry-Silverware showed the most sizable drop (-2,500). Paper Products and Leather Products were each down 500, Apparel was off 400, Food-Beverage, Plastics Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were down 200 each, and Printing-Publishing was down 100. Annual gains of 100 and 200 workers were seen in Chemical Products and Rubber Products, respectively.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 6 cents over the month to $6.64 an hour and was 59 cents higher than in June, 1981. Average weekly hours worked were down by 0.1 of an hour in the month and declined by 1.0 hour compared to a year ago. The average weekly earnings for these production workers increased $1.68 over the month to $259.62 a week–up $17.01 from last June.

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